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OPPONENTS OF JOINT AGREEMENT PROTEST TO SAMUEL GOMPERS

Labor Chief Has Troubles Bringing Warring Factions
Together — Denounce Proposed Pact as
Destructive to Union Principles

Chicago building trades labor seems as much divided as ever.

Thos. J. Williams and Samuel Gompers of the A. F. of L. came into Chicago knowing they were up against the toughest sort of a proposition in trying to bring peace into the warring camp. It may be said for Williams and Gompers that they did not beguile themselves into thinking they could stop the row like they would a pair of sparring youngsters. They have all along realized the seriousness of the situation. The fact that Gompers himself is here is ample testimony that they view it seriously.

The factions are as far apart as ever. Any misguided bird of peace which might have flown into the meeting chamber on the fourth floor of the Morrison hotel would have had

its wings sadly singed. The charges and counter charges were laden with such hot stuff that the official stenographer was told to burn his notes and quit the job.

Simon O'Donnell explained why he was supporting the proposed joint agreement; that he thought it would be best for the working men because it would grant union conditions and still be proof against unnecessary strikes.

Representatives of the lathers, machinists, sheet metal workers and part of the hoisting engineers who were put out of the Building Trades Council because they would not submit to the plans for the agreement, and representatives of the painters, glaziers and electricians who are content to break with the council, it is said, were bitter in denunciation of